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U. S. BACKS DOWN; AUSTRIA WINS POIL Italy Lands Strong Army In Albania AND

Political Motive Is Seen Behind Move; Italy Covets Albanian Harbors.

SERBS REORGANIZE BROKEN COMMANDS

Operations In New Theater Of War Are Expected to Be On Grand Scale.

I condon. Eag. Dec. 17.—With art fairs in Greece assuming a quieter character, there has bee a partial deflection of interest in European capitals to the Italian plans regarding Albania. The general belief seems to be that the operations in this new theater of war will be on a grand scale. The Italians his strength, are already scalely ashere at Aviona as well as at certain new points of strategic importance.

Aviona is key to Adriatic.

For years Aviona has been regarded by Italy and Austria allice as the key to the Adriatic and it is a maxim in south central Europe that whoever commands Aviano commands the Adriatic Aviens has been for stream months occupied by a light ferre of italians for police purposes.

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The unxiety with which Italy watches the Albanian county is due to the existence there of good harbors in contents with the total absence of such harbors slong the Italian shore. Should any of these harbors fall into hostile hands the Italian fleet would be gravely handicapped.

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Snow Hinders Operations.

Telegrams from the Austrian southern from report heavy mow storms. Advices from the Russian north front say that similar troubles are being met with there, but Petrograd still believes the Germans are preparing a great push in the Dylinsk region.

Russians now have occupied the town of Hamadan and the camp is proceeding.

HUNGARIAN LEADER DEMANDS PROPOSAL OF PEACE TERMS

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London, Eng., Dec. 15.—A letter received by the Morning Poet from Budapest declares count Karoly, leader of
the Hungarian Independence party,
crested a sentation in the Hunmarian parliament, December 7, demanding that the government make
peace proposals to the enemy powers,
Karolyl was sharply criticised by the
newspapers and the censors atoped
transmission of all dispatches dealing with the incident,

The correspondent gives extracts
from verbatim reports, according to
which count karolyl argued that Hunmary achieved everything she wanted
by the war, had moved the country from
Invasion and had preserved the monmichy and throne. Her allies could demand nothing further from Hungary,
he maid.

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Chile Is Nominated for New Post.

New York, Dec 17.—Exports valued at \$188,036,458, by far the largest volume ever shipped from an American port during a single month, left New York harbor during November, according to statistics announced at the customs house today.

The November figures exceeded those for October, which were themselves a record, by more than \$12,000,000.

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Customs efficials were surprised to
learn that during November the imports at this part were \$57,665,815,
about \$22,906,000 greater than the October imports. However, a considerable portion of the imports were is
the free goods class and, notwithstanding the volume, duling for NoVember were less than for October,
with imports of \$55,000,000.

An everwhelming proportion of the
total exports went to Great Britain,
Prance or Russia, although the statisties show that South American trade
made a material increase during the
month. Munitions, from and steel prodpets and food aniffs were the chief
items exported.

Export figures for the last three
months show increases of about 100
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Austin, Texas, Dec. 17.—According to figures in the attorney general's department during the fiscal year ending August 31, 1915, there were 5030 felony indictments returned. There were 2557 convictions and 3567 trials. The total number of years in the penaltest numbered 12. Acquirtative her, that economic independence should be granted and that above all, possed and 52 indictments were quashed.

The Card Sharp--

A Christmas Story STRANGE sort of Christmas holiday story, this, of a cosmopolitan A gambler who was taking his last chance, who had plunged on it, and, after being "moved out" of India, then Cairo, then Paris, and finally, London, was gambling on his family taking him back—the family that had paid him to live algond for ten years. And because "they" were always "crowding" him, always "moving" on him, there were noises in his head, and "God," he whispered, "how tired I am!" And then, too, there was the "killing" he had to make before he went back home, "to pay expenses," and he must have a steady hand and head for it. But-"it was the others who made the killing": and the entirely unlooked for result, revealed in the very last sentence of the story, gives this rank among the most dramatic Christmas

heliday stories ever written. This is the second of a series of six stories by Richard Harding Davis, which The El Paso Heruld has purchased for this section. Read it in tomorrow's Week-End Herald.

Caminet de Coppet, Former Vice President, Wins in National Election.

Prather Fletcher, now ambassador to Chile, was nominated by president minister of war, was elected president without today for ambassador to Mexico. Eliseo Arredondo already has been appointed Mexican ambassador to the United States and Mr. Fletcher's nomination today restores diplomatic relations between the two countries which were broken off several years ago.

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Louisville, Ky., Dec. 17.—One of the heaviest rains in years has fallen over Kentucky within the last 16 hours, swelling small streams and flooding lowlands, but, reports indicate, resulting as yet in comparatively little damage. of At Louisville the weather huran re-ports a rainfall of 6.12 lighes during the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today.

OF DU PONT EXPLOSION

Salem, N. J., Dec. 17.—Belloving that he may have been implicated in the recent explosions in the Fu Pont munitions foctories, detectives of the Du Pont company have caused the arrest of John Szodoba, alias Dr. Jacob Szodoba, alias Louis Hariman, a former employe of the company.

Szodoba was taken into custody at his hearding house at Penn Grove, where is located one of Du Pont's largest plants, in his room the officials say they found a large quantity of gam cotten, both raw and treated, nitroglyceries, dynamite, black powder of the finest quality and a number of letters written in French and German.

ELECTRICAL CODE REDUCES KEY RATE IN TEXAS CITIES

PITTSBURG CRUDE OH

ADVANCES FIVE CENTS

Pittsburg, Pa. Dec. 15.—A further advance in the price of crude oil was announced here today, five cents a barrel being added to all graces except Ragland, which commanded an increase of two cents.

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IS FIGHT UPON ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Asquith Is Alleged To Have Been Too Friendly With German Prisoners.

L ONDON, ENG., Dec. 17.—Mrs. Her-bert H. Angelin, wife of the pro-mler, appeared as a plaintiff in chancery court today, demanding an or-ler to restrain the Globe from the publeation of articles reflecting on loyalty to the British empire. Mrs. Asquith's atorney said:

"For a whole formight before the isinst night and today succeeded the sleet storm which fell Thursday throughout this section of the Ohio valley, with the result that almost every small stream within a radius of 50 miles from here is at flool tide. suc of this writ Mrs. Asquith has been

declared parcely responsible for APPPROVAL OF CREDI

Austin, Texas, Dec. 17.—The attorney general's department field today, in an opinion to the State fire insurance commission, that any city in Texas adopting the national electrical code may be allowed a proper credit on its key rate of insurance. Several Texas cities will profit by this ruling.

The question had been up for some time before the attorney general's department for a ruling. By this ruling. San Artonio's key rate is made the lowest, 17 cants. El Paso will come in for this credit in the event a national electrical code is adopted. Its key rate now is 18 cents.

Christmas Jingles

"Buy a Herald," "buy a Herald,"

Taught U.S. a Lesson in Diplomatic Procedure.

Berlin. Germany, Doc. 17.—Approval of the Austrian reply to the American government's demands in the Anconacase is voiced by the big newspapers, including the Lokal Angelger, the Krouz Zeitung and the Zeitung am Mittag and the Tages Zeitung.

The Lokel Angelger points out that the Austrian reply has not fulfilled American expectations of prompt compliance with all the demands, but that on the contrary, the Austro-Hungarian government, while entering "a dignified disclaimer against the whelly unjustified sharpness of the American demands," requests some legal foundation for the accusations against the submarine commander.

Claims Pacts Not Proved.

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'President Wilson,' it continues, 'has considered it right to demand in the briskest tone compensation and self-punishment on the basis of statements of anonymous witnesses and on the basis of material which was so slightly convincing that the collector was forced to rob it of effectiveness by indefinite expressions like 'reliable information' or 'that the ship apparently did not attempt to escape.

The Austrian note will bring president wilson to a realization that in international reliations it is not suffiction to make demands, but that the first facts on which demands are based must be substantiated and that missing proof cannot be replaced by hig, rude words. It is the president's duty now to prove that the Ancona did not flee, if he is unsuccessful in this, he will have no alternative, by view of his interpretation of international law, but to abandon satisfaction of his demands.

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by fellow boarders.
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London, Eng., Dec. 17.—Announcement was made by the foreign office tonight that the steamship Oscar II. having on board the Ford peace purty, has been permitted to proceed on her voyage to Christiania. Norway.

The foreign office understands the steamship has sailed from Kirkwal, into which port it was taken by the British authorities. Guarantees were required that certain parts of the steamship's cargo must be returned to inspland.

Chicago. III. Dec. 17.—With the settlement of the strike of 600 employes of the Belt Railway of Chicago, merchandise valued at millions of dollars, which had been fled up since the strike was called last Tuesday, was released today when the strikers returned to work.

More than 15,000 loaded freight cars had diagged the huge switch and transfer yards at Clearing. Under the terms of the settlement which was effected last night, the men will be provided with eight trains daily for their transportation to and from work.

FRENCH REPORT BATTLES

IN BELGIAN SAND DUNES

In Belgiam there has been fighting with bombs in the sector of the dunes, and some encounters between patrols disawhere.

In the Champagne district east of the Butte at Mensil, we checked a bombardment of our transches by return fire.

"In Lorraine there have been fairly spirited artillery exchanges."

RUSSIA IS PREPARING TO INCREASE TAXES

Lendon, Eng., Dec. 17.—A Renter dispatch from Petrograd says the Russian finance ministry has prepared a bill providing for a general increase in direct and indirect taxation, it is expected to result in an increase in revenues of \$25,000,000 roubles annually. Under this plan the income tax is to

undergo a progressive increase. All industrial and land taxes, as well as stamp duties, are to be augmented BELGIAN RELIEF SHIP HITS MINE; IS BEACHED

London, Eng., Dec. 17.—The Belgian rellef committee's sicamet Levenpool, from New Fork for Rotterdam, has been beaubed on the English cast coast in a sinking condition, as a result of striking a mine.

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Pawtucket, R. L. Dec. 17.—George K.
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MATHEW H. LEMEN. Who will direct the singing in Pionee plaza and in the streets of El Paso Christmas eve.

The War At a Glance

M ORE than 40,000 men cap-tured by the Servians have reached Marseilles on their way to a concentration camp, a Pringatch from the French susport STATES.

Italians Ar Albania-Further a particulars regarding the Ralier force sent to albania state that the number of men already landed at Aviona in 20,000.

Montenegrins Retreat-The Cettinje war office admits a further retreat by the Montenegvin troops in the Sanjak region where they have been resisting the Aus-

trian advance. French War Loan Heavy-

While no figures are yet available as to the total amount sub-scribed to the French war loan, it

According to statements by French authorities, reported from France, a force of 200,000 Abysein-lan troups may be available if they are desired by the allies for operations in Egypt and Mesopotamia.

Russia Reports on Loan—
Fetrograd reports that of the 1,000,000,000 rouble Passian loan, 606,000,000 roubles were subscribed by Russian banks, and of the remainder the people already have taken 200,000,000 roubles worth.

U. S. Decides Not To Shut Off Diplomatic Relations With Austria Just Yet.

FURTHER PARLEYS BELIEVED POSSIBLE

Second Note Is To Be Even More Insistent Than the First, It Is Reported.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.— The United States has apparently recoded from its position that Austria-Hungary must promptly disavoy the sinking of the Italian liner disavow the sinking of the Italian liner. Amount, punish the submining commander and compensate American survivors and relatives of Americans who suffered in the trapedly or suffer a severance of diplomatic relations.

Trurnday it was announced the Balled States would not seed to the reply of Amstria proposing a discussion of facts in the Ancona case. Today, after a conference of the cabilest, insticers has changed. It was announced an even more insistent note would be dis-

the American demands.

Informal trackers Hinted.

Meanwhile there are some hints of informal negotiations which might smooth out the troubled situation. The frequent calls of baron Zweidinek, the Austrian charge, at the state department give some color to discussions along that line and those who expect that at the end the differences will be settled, count on the influence of Berlin to counsel Vienns to avoid a break.

How much ground there is for such an expectation is not disclosed by those who entertain it.

No Change in Plans.

So far is was apparent today, the situation has not affected president Wilson's plans for going on his honeymoon lourney after his wedding tomorrow night.

Hefore the president leaves, how-(Cantinued on page 7, Col. 5)

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More Money Needed For Children's Playhouse



PLANS have been completed by aiderman W. G. Jolly for the playhouse and kindergarten at the Rescue Home, and it will cost about \$200 to erect the structure. Mr. Jolly will supervise the work free of charge; he also drew the plans and made out the tumber order as a donation. Less than \$100 is on hand for this work, but as acceral donations of material have been offered The Herald, it is believed that with the receipt of a few more dollars, the playbouse can be built at once. Send in your money and make it certain. As 12 of the children needed shoes—one little girl had nothing to wear this cold scather but a pair of very low slippers—shoes will be bought out of the fund at once. This will cut the amount on hand about \$20. Several people have either sent in or telephoned that they would donate toys and clothing for the chil-

dren's Christmas tree. Additional donations are needed. These may be sent to The Herald at any time or left at the Christian church next Monday afternoon with the representatives of the Woman's club. Fill out the following coupon and send it to The Herald with your do-

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The condition of the fund to date is as follows: Previously acknowledged, less \$59 paid for sweaters...... 388.25 Donated today: Cash from Silver City
Lucy and Ethel
Mrs. Hacris Krupp

bear, a toy wagon and other toys for the children.

A woman on Rio Grande street, who does not wish her mine mentioned, telephoned The Herald that she had a box of laby clothes and toys for the children.